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SUBJECT:DAILY BRIEFING JUNE 15

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1. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE: SECRETARY'S JUNE 23-24 OECD TRIP; SECRETARY'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATIONS TO ADDRESS ASIA SOCIETY JUNE 29 IN NEW YORK CITY ON SUBJECT OF U.S. POLICY FOR EAST ASIA, AND NAACP CONVENTION JULY 1 IN ST. LOUIS, (SUBJECT NOT ANNOUNCED); HABIB'S OFFICIAL VISITS TO GUYANA AND BARBADOS BETWEEN JUNE 19 AND 22; RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CONGO BRAZZAVILLE AS OF JUNE 15; AND DEPARTMENT'S CONDEMNATION OF ATTACK ON YUGOSLAV UN MISSION JUNE 14. LAST ANNOUNCEMENT CONDEMNED ASSAULT, EXPRESSED SYMPATHY TO INJURED YUGOSLAV EMPLOYEE, SAID ACTIONS OF THIS KIND RECKLESSLY ENDANGER INNOCENT LIVES, NOTED OUR EXPECTATION THAT PERPETRATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED TO LAW'S FULL EXTENT, RECORDED EXPRESSIONS  
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YESTERDAY TO YUGOSLAV CHARGE BY CHRISTOPHER AND VEST OF OUR PROFOUND REGRET AND CONDEMNATION OF TERRORIST ACTION, AND SAID FBI INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY INVESTIGATION. TO QUESTION WHETHER ANY CASE CAN BE MADE FOR CROATIAN INDEPENDENCE OR GREATER RECOGNITION OF SEPARATENESS OF CROATIANS, I SAID POLITICAL DEMANDS OF THE TERRORISTS CONTRADICT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. AS MONDALE SAID

DURING BELGRADE VISIT, U.S. FULLY SUPPORTS YUGOSLAV INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND UNITY AND ITS ROLE AS AN UNALIGNED COUNTRY.

2. SALT: IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND GROMYKO, I SAID THEY WILL MEET TWICE IN GENERAL TIME FRAME OF SEPTEMBER. TO FURTHER QUESTIONS, I SAID ONE OF THESE WILL BE AT UN BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO BE SPECIFIC BEYOND THAT, AND THAT SALT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT BOTH MEETINGS. I TURNED ASIDE REQUESTS TO SPECULATE ON WHETHER NEW AGREEMENT CAN BE CONCLUDED BEFORE OCTOBER; WHERE SECOND MEETING MIGHT TAKE PLACE; WHAT THE SEPTEMBER DATES IMPLY AS TO WHETHER PROGRESS IS BEING MADE; OR WHETHER SEPTEMBER DATES CONTRADICT WHAT PRESIDENT SAID ABOUT MEETINGS WITH GROMYKO BEFORE SEPTEMBER.

(LATER IN AFTERNOON, WITH AUTHORIZATION OF GELB AND TARNOFF AND IN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS THAT SALT IS IN TROUBLE AND NO PROGRESS BEING MADE, I SPOKE TO SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS ON BACKGROUND ATTRIBUTABLE TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL. THOUGHT CONVEYED WAS THAT ABOVE INTERPRETATION IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE, THAT SEPTEMBER DATES RESULT FROM SCHEDULING OF SECRETARY'S ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE CHINA TRIP IN AUGUST AND MIDDLE EAST TRIP IN JULY. THESE IMPORTANT TRIPS REQUIRE CAREFUL PREPARATION AND IT WAS NOT REASONABLE TO TRY TO PROJECT FURTHER TRIPS INTO THAT TWO-MONTH PERIOD.)

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3. TOTH: I REPORTED THAT HE WAS INTERROGATED AGAIN WEDNESDAY, LUNCED WITH TOON AND WAS TO REPORT BACK TO KGB FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING IN AFTERNOON. I ADDED THAT IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT HE IS NOT BEING CHARGED. AGAIN I REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON SOVIET MOTIVES OR POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF CASE, BUT STOOD BY OUR PREVIOUS STATEMENTS.

AFTER BRIEFING, IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS QUOTING SENATOR PELL THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TOTH WAS EXPECTED TO BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE SOVIET UNION ON FRIDAY, I SAID WE HAD NO INFORMATION INDICATING TOTH WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THEN, AND HAD NOT BEEN TOLD WHEN HE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE.

4. CARLUCCI: I SAID HE HAS DONE OUTSTANDING JOB IN IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT POST AND THAT PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN HIM, AND REFERRED OTHER QUESTIONS TO WHITE HOUSE.

5. DOLE AMENDMENT (WHICH WOULD REQUIRE U.S. TO VOTE AGAINST ANY AID BY IFIS TO VIETNAM, LAOS OR CAMBODIA AND REDUCE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THOSE BODIES BY ANY AMOUNT THEY LEND THOSE COUNTRIES): WE ARE OPPOSED TO AMENDMENT. WITH RESPECT TO VIETNAM, WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THERE HAS BEEN MORE PROGRESS IN LAST FOUR MONTHS THAN PREVIOUS SEVERAL YEARS. WE DON'T THINK STEPS SUCH AS THIS AMENDMENT ARE LIKELY TO HELP IN SEEKING FURTHER PROGRESS ON MIAS OR IN OUR OBJECTIVE OF SEEKING NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IT IS ALSO INCONSISTENT WITH OUR BROADER EFFORTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH IFIS.

6. PUERTO RICO COMMONWEALTH STATUS: WE HAVE DEFENDED RIGHT OF PUERTO RICANS TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN PAST AND EXPECT TO CONTINUE DOING SO IN FUTURE. IN 1952 THEY EXERCISED THAT RIGHT IN APPROVING COMMONWEALTH STATUS  
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AND IN 1967 THEY REAFFIRMED THAT CHOICE. THRUST OF OUR ARGUMENT HAS BEEN, NOT THAT COMMONWEALTH IS ONLY POSSIBLE STATUS IN WHICH PUERTO RICO CAN RELATE TO U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT THAT IT IS THE ONE PUERTO RICANS HAVE CHOSEN. PRESIDENT HAS STATED HE WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER STATUS PEOPLE OF PR DESIRE. CHRISTOPHER

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